

Good news! Rose Exhibiting is Fun

Rose Show Special
Lynn Twitchell (show chair)

1. **MOST IMPORTANT:** Download and **READ** the Show Schedule.
 2. Choose a couple of classes that make you feel comfortable. Plan ahead what you will enter. (53 specimen classes available)
 3. If you decide to make an arrangement, bring your own vase. Select one with simple lines so it will not detract from your roses. (26 arrangement classes available)
 4. Practice an arrangement at home.
 5. Select blooms you will cut from your garden. List name & classification of each.
 6. Carry list to the show.
 7. Cut long stems with good foliage & large blooms. Then hold the cut under water to re-cut so they won't droop because of the air bubble sucked into the stems.
 8. Prep the foliage. Gently clean the leaflets with a soft cloth to give them shine. No bugs, dust or water spots allowed.
 9. Store overnight in a cool place—I do it outdoors.
 10. Bring your bucket of blooms to the show. We open at 6 a.m. Find a working space. **Ask questions.**
 11. Pick up entry tags & fill in your name.
 12. Pick out the vessels you will need & fill with water.
 13. Prepare your entries...enjoy.
 12. Prep area tools to bring: Pruners, fingernail scissors to trim damage on leaflets/petals, cotton swabs to help manipulate petals, rubber bands, a pen.
- **Get gutsy. Ask questions.**
 - **Observe seasoned exhibitors groom their roses.**